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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1071

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA, FI

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NORDIC PRESSURE ON SWAPO

REF: HELSINKI 0988, STATE 82599

1. WITH ACTIVITIES AND TRAVEL ASSOCIATED WITH 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF FINNISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY OUT
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OF THE WAY, PRIME MINISTER SORSA ASKED BRITISH AMBASSADOR
TO BRIEF HIM ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
BEFORE SORSA'S APRIL 10 DEPARTURE FOR ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA.

2. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, BRITISH AMBASSADOR
TOLD SORSA THAT WHILE SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO ARE
CONSIDERING WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL, WE HOPE FINLAND WILL

USE HER INFLUENCE IN HELPING US TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT NOW WHICH WOULD HAVE SUCH A PROFOUND INFLUENCE FOR GOOD IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE. HE TOLD SORSA THE PROPOSAL OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTS ALMOST CERTAINLY THE LAST CHANGE FOR A PEACEFULLY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

3. SORSA CONFIRMED THAT THE LATEST WF PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN STUDIED IN THE MFRA, ENJOYED FINNISH APPROVAL, AND HIMSELF EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR OUR OBJECTIVES IN NAMIBIA. SORSA PROMISED TO DO WHAT HE COULD DURING HIS STAY IN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA, WHERE HE EXPECTED TO BE MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS WELL AS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

4. NOTE: SORSA TOLD THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THAT ONE OF FINLAND'S MAIN REASONS FOR DECLINING TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN LEBANON WAS IN ORDER TO REMAIN ABLE TO OFFER A MILITARY CONTINGENT FOR A UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN NAMIBIA.

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